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NSC DIRECTIVE

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) of Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947 and in furtherance of paragraphs 5 and 6.a(2) of NSC 50, the National Security Council hereby authorizes and directs the following readjustment of the functions and organization of the Central Intelligence Agency, in order specifically to insure more effective production of national intelligence estimates and studies, and to provide continuous surveillance of current intelligence:

GENERAL

1. National intelligence is that intelligence required in the formulation of policy at the national (i.e. supra-departmental) level. As stated in NSCID-3, such intelligence inevitably "covers the broad aspects of national policy and national security," and normally it "transcends the exclusive competence of a single department or agency or the military establishment." Regardless of its content, however, intelligence used in the formulation of national policy must have an inter-departmental basis, i.e., it must embody pertinent departmental intelligence resources and be subjected to adequate safeguards against bias. Strictly political or strictly military intelligence estimates, for example, should be considered as national intelligence in those cases where such estimates are required in the formulation of policy at the national level, and as national intelligence they would be the responsibility of CIA.

Because national intelligence serves as a basis for the formulation of policy at the national level, it is essential that it represent in every instance a synthesis of all pertinent information available to the departments.

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Such a synthesis should normally be based on a cooperative process of preparation in which departmental contributions, oral or written, and departmental intelligence views are fully considered at all stages of production by CIA. Intelligence which has not been so produced should not normally be disseminated as national intelligence.

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2. Composition of, and Delegation of Authority to, the Standing Committee to the IAC

In order to facilitate the effective functioning of the IAC, the Director of Central Intelligence, the intelligence chiefs of the Departments of State, Army, Navy and Air Force and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall each designate a qualified individual who shall be on full time duty at IAC headquarters and who will be the representative of his agency in matters covered by this directive not requiring action by the designating officer. The Director of the Joint Intelligence Group and the Director of Intelligence of the Atomic Energy Commission may designate such representatives if they so desire. The representative of the Director of Central Intelligence shall concurrently be head of the National Intelligence Group (hereafter described).

3. Mission

a. In carrying out its general function of advising the DCI, the mission of the IAC with respect to national intelligence shall be to advise specifically on:

- (1) The initiation of timely national intelligence requirements to cover future foreseeable needs for national estimates and studies of a continuing, recurrent, or emergency nature.
- (2) The feasibility of national estimates and studies which the DCI may initiate.

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- (3) Drafts of national estimates and studies prepared by the National Estimates Staff, specifying unanimous concurrence or substantive dissent by individual members. All issues under review on which dissent is pending shall be considered by the assembled IAC.

b. In addition to the functions outlined above, it shall be the mission of the IAC:

- (1) By keeping under continuing review critical current intelligence, to be prepared to advise the DCI if an emergency threatens or prompt executive action is indicated.
- (2) To recommend to the DCI the nature of intelligence summaries and reports deemed useful to executive officials responsible for national policy.
- (3) To recommend to the DCI the preparation of special intelligence products in recognized fields of common interest.

h. Location

The permanent headquarters for deliberations of the IAC shall be conveniently located with respect to the National Intelligence Group (hereafter described) and its facilities. The housing and facilities for both the IAC and the National Intelligence Group shall be provided by the CIA.

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP (NIG)

5. Composition

The National Intelligence Group shall be established as an organic part of CIA. It shall consist of a National Estimates Staff and Current Intelligence Staff. A part of the professional and all clerical personnel of the Group shall be provided by CIA. A proportion of the professional personnel

shall be provided by detail from departmental agencies for duty with CIA; each individual so detailed shall be acceptable to the DCI and responsible to him. The DCI shall provide the necessary personnel authorizations as well as reimbursement for civilian personnel assigned. He shall also provide spaces for assigned military personnel which will be additional to the personnel authorizations of their respective service intelligence agencies.

NATIONAL ESTIMATES STAFF (NES)

6. Mission

The National Estimates Staff shall:

- a. Break down intelligence requisitions into component requisitions upon the several departmental agencies and CIA for their appropriate contributions of intelligence material, giving clear specifications as to the nature and scope of material required and deadline dates for completion.
- b. By evaluation, analysis and synthesis of intelligence contributed in appropriate form and content by the several departmental intelligence agencies and offices of CIA, prepare drafts of national estimates and studies.
- c. Subject to special instructions by the DCI, present draft estimates and studies for consideration of the members of IAC prior to formal review by that body. Representatives of the National Estimates Staff normally shall be present when the drafts are considered by the IAC and shall be authorized to furnish orally additional reasoning or factual knowledge in support of statements or conclusions in the drafts.
- d. From critical information received from the Current Intelligence Staff or any other source indicating the need for timely executive action

on any scale, prepare crisis estimates for prompt submission to the DCI and the IAC.

e. Periodically report to the DCI on the adequacy and completeness of available information required in the preparation of national estimates.

f. Collaborate with the Current Intelligence Staff in order to insure that estimates and studies reflect the most recent information, and contra-wise, that the reasoning of current intelligence publications is not inconsistent with well-examined long-range intelligence.

CURRENT INTELLIGENCE STAFF (CIS)

7. Mission

The Current Intelligence Staff shall be organized and staffed to effect

a. The prompt and systematic receipt, surveillance, and appropriate situation room display of all radio, wire and otherwise rapidly-dispatched current information received in all agencies and departments of the Government which may be of significance in the preparation of current intelligence required by executive responsible for the formulation or implementation of national policy.

b. The conduct of a 24-hour watch on incoming information with provisions for immediate alert of the DCI, HIC and the members of the IAC upon the indication of critical or emergency situations which might require the preparation of crisis estimates or timely executive action on any scale.

c. The identification and preparation of "hot" information obtained by offices within CIA or from other sources for dissemination by the DCI if in his opinion it is of sufficient importance and urgency to be furnished without delay to the President, the members of the National Security Council or the J.C.

d. The preparation and dissemination with speed appropriate to the apparent significance of the information, of periodic current intelligence summaries patterned to the needs of the executives responsible for the formulation or implementation of national policy. To the extent practicable, the material in such summaries which is of predominant interest to a member agency shall be coordinated with that agency.

e. The operation of an intelligence situation room designed to serve the needs of the above-mentioned executive officials and their principal assistants, the IAC and the National Estimates Staff.

MISSIONS OF DEPARTMENTAL AGENCIES AND
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

(with respect to national intelligence)

8. Departmental Agencies

The several departmental agencies of the IAC shall

a. Furnish upon requisition of the National Estimates Staff, within the deadline dates prescribed, appropriate intelligence in form and content as required by the NES to provide for national intelligence projects.

b. Be prepared to make oral presentations in the NES in support of their respective intelligence contributions at their own request or when requested by the NES.

c. Furnish to the CIA in the most expeditious manner possible all radio, wire and rapidly-dispatched current information of possible significance to the current intelligence mission of the CIA. In this category of information will be included the intelligence content or implications of operational messages.

d. In the event that intelligence studies in subjects of primary interest are prepared departmentally which have the characteristics of

national intelligence and are intended for dissemination above departmental level, as national intelligence they are the responsibility of CIA and will be processed accordingly.

e. In the choice of personnel to be detailed for duty with the National Intelligence Group, nominate individuals of highest professional qualifications.

9. Central Intelligence Agency

a. All offices of CIA having intelligence resources shall contribute to the requirements of the NS and the CIS in accordance with the same principles as Federal agencies outside of CIA.

b. Intelligence offices of CIA, other than the National Intelligence Group, shall produce intelligence prescribed in paragraphs (4) and (5) of Section 102d of the National Security Act of 1947, and implementing NSC directives.

c. Intelligence studies prepared under Paragraph 9.b., above, if of a character to be employed as national intelligence, will be processed accordingly by CIA.

10. Responsibility of Director, Central Intelligence Agency, and Heads of other Federal Intelligence Agencies

a. By virtue of the mission assigned in the National Security Act of 1947 to CIA to correlate and evaluate intelligence relating to the national security (defined by the National Security Council as "national intelligence"), and to provide for appropriate dissemination thereof using where appropriate existing agencies, and the Agency's mission to coordinate intelligence activities to this end, the DCI is responsible for the implementation of this Directive. His available means are the coordinated resources of departmental intelligence agencies of the Government and of CIA.

b. The other members of the IAC are responsible in their individual official capacities for the support of CIA with their full resources. Thus, while the coordination of intelligence resources for the production of national intelligence as proscribed in this Directive is the function of the DCI, the responsibility for making available their talent and resources in his support is common to the heads of all agencies.

c. "National intelligence" therefore shall be disseminated under the final responsibility of the DCI: provided, however, that normally such national intelligence shall not be disseminated without a statement indicating concurrence of the members of the Intelligence Advisory Committee or, when there is a non-concurrence, a statement of substantially differing opinion. In the event the IAC or any member fails to act in the preparation of, or to indicate his approval or dissent with respect to, a national estimate or study, or whenever the DCI deems such action essential, he shall proceed with dissemination in accordance with his statutory responsibility.